

MS4 General Permit Working Group Agenda – January 2015

Welcome and Introductions

- Facilitator
- Representatives from the seven Cities
- Representatives from MDEQ
- Representative(s) from EPA Region 8
- Representatives from Trout Unlimited and Chris Brink from the Clark Fork Coalition

Working Group Purpose (from the signed MOU)

- Result of an MOU between MDEQ and the seven Cities dated October 24, 2014
- MDEQ will propose a draft MS4 general permit containing the same conditions as the currently effective MS4 General Permit. This permit will expire on December 31st, 2016.
- During that two year period, the MS4 CITIES have agreed to work actively and collaboratively with MDEQ to develop the contents of a new five-year MS4 general permit, and develop and make available a statewide manual to assist permittees in implementation of the permit's key provisions, and any associated items affecting the new permit.
- MDEQ will issue an updated State of Montana MS4 General Permit on or before October 1, 2016 with an effective date of January 1, 2017. The permit will be updated in consideration of the input and work products provided by the working group.
- This storm water working group will continue to meet on a quarterly basis after the two year period is complete to maintain cooperative dialog on on-going coordination between MDEQ, MS4 CITIES, and other stakeholders.

Meeting Logistics and Schedule

- Meetings will be held in Helena. Is there another meeting location members would prefer?
- HDR Engineering, Amanda McInnis, is under contract with the Seven Cities to provide assistance for the drafting of the new MS4 General Permit.
- The Public Works Directors for the seven cities may attend the meetings and participate in the meetings periodically.
- The target date from completion of the MS4 draft general permit with this working group is **April 1, 2016.**
- Does the working group desire to meet in person every other month with the other off month meetings held by video conference or teleconference? (The MDT district offices and others have video conferencing facilities and they may be able to be used?)
- In general, the meetings are focused on the Seven Cities.

- Each meeting will discuss the specific wording for the parts of the draft general permit. This will begin with Part I at the first meeting with subsequent parts or subsections of those parts discussed at the following meetings working from Part I thru Part VIII. The parts and subparts may not be reviewed and discussed in sequential order.

January 2015 Working Group Meeting Discussion Topics (this meeting)

- Development of Standard forms by HDR. These will include: NOIs, SWPPPs, NOTs, standardized inspection form and any others. This will also include an approval process checklist.
- State wide BMP, checklist and SOP standardization. This is building on the EPA BMP document.
- Parking Lot Item from August 6 – Begin discussion of Water of the State definition – today’s discussion “should curbs and gutters, storm water collection pipes and appurtenances, and open storm water ditches be included in the definition of a Water of the State?”
- Review of the draft language for the General Permit - Part I – Permit Coverage.
- What other counties will be brought in the MS4 general besides Yellowstone, Cascade, and Missoula Counties?

February 2015 Working Group Agenda Topics (next meeting)

- Any carry over items from the January meeting.
- Review status of the standard forms from the January meeting.
- Parking Lot Item from August 6 – Continue discussion on Water of the State definition including applicability of disinfected water permit. This will include a discussion of the term “Significant Nexus” for waters of the U.S.
- Parking Lot Item from August 6 - Groundwater Applicability.
- Review of the draft language for the General Permit - Part II – Effluent Limitations.

Subsequent Working Group Meetings Will Also Include

- Modification to MDEQ SWPP Program with regards to the MS4/MDEQ approval process.
- Develop an enforcement and penalty process between MDEQ and the seven cities.
- Continue working through the Parts of the draft general permit.

Wrap Up and Adjourn